



TOWN OF  
**THOMPSON**  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
NO. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255  
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Barton D. Russell  
Executive Director  
CT Council of Small Towns  
1245 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06107

Reference: Prevailing Wage

Dear Bart:

*Thompson has a great story to tell ...*

One of our Town owned buildings was in need of an electrical up date. My wife was Chair of the Board of Directors of the organization that used the building and informed me that they had a bid from a local electrician to up date their electrical service. The cost was approximately \$8,000. Their organization (The Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) had no funds to do the project.

The \$8,000 seemed workable. They went to the Board of Finance and requested the money to up grade the electrical service of the Town owned building.

The Board of Finance then referred their request to Small Cities. Small Cities said okay but prevailing wages must prevail. The project went from a local \$8,000 to in excess of \$20,000, to complete the project.

Incredible but true.

Sincerely,

A. David Babbitt  
First Selectman